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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NSC PLANNING BOARD

SUBJECT: Report by the President's Committee on International Information Activities, June 30, 1953 (Chapter 7)

REFERENCES: A. NSC Action No. 836-c
B. Memos for Planning Board, July 3 and 10, 1953
C. Record of Meeting of Planning Board, July 13, 1953, item 1

The enclosed proposed Executive Order to implement Chapter 7 of the subject report, prepared by the Bureau of the Budget after receipt of agency comments on the July 8 draft discussed in the Planning Board Meeting of July 13, is transmitted for discussion by the Planning Board at its meeting on Thursday, August 6. The proposed Executive Order has also been circulated by the Bureau of the Budget to the various departments and agencies for comment.

When it is submitted for approval, the proposed Executive Order will be accompanied by a classified Annex similar to the one which accompanied the July 8 draft.

*Justifying
until 10 Aug.*

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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FOR NSC STAFF CONSIDERATION ONLY

(PLANNING BOARD)

July 29, 1953

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER

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AGENCY PROCEDURES IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. (a) The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency shall each assign to his principal deputy (Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary, or Deputy Director, as the case may be) responsibility for following through on Presidential security policy decisions involving his agency. The Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Foreign Operations Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency shall each establish specific internal staff arrangements and procedures to enable effective implementation of such decisions and will provide the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs with a report describing the arrangements. Those arrangements shall include provision for the performance of detailed operational

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planning duties; review of operational plans for adequacy and for consistency with national security policy and with related plans of other agencies; and for the preparation of progress reports to be made to the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The arrangements shall also provide for the coordination of the operational planning work of the agency concerned with its policy planning activities in support of the responsibilities of the head of that agency in his capacity as a member of the National Security Council.

(b) The heads of other agencies to which the President from time to time assigns responsibilities for the implementation of national security policies shall make specific assignments of responsibilities and staff arrangements and procedures similar to those referred to in section 1(a) hereof, and shall report those assignments and arrangements to the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

Section 2. (a) There is hereby established the Operations Coordinating Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board. The Board shall report to the National Security Council.

(b) The Board shall have as members the following: (1) The Under Secretary of State, who shall represent the Secretary of State and shall be the chairman of the Board, (2) the Deputy Secretary of Defense, who shall represent the Secretary of Defense, (3) the Deputy Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, if there be such deputy in office, who shall represent

the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, or, if there be no such deputy in office, then the said Director, (4) the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and (5) a representative of the President to be designated by the President. Each head of agency referred to in items (1) to (4), inclusive, in this section 2(b) may provide for an alternate member who shall serve as a member of the Board in lieu of the regular member representing the agency concerned when such regular member is for reasons beyond his control unable to attend any meeting of the Board; and any alternate member shall while serving as such have in all respects the same status as a member of the Board as does the regular member in lieu of whom he serves.

(c) Subject to the approval of the chairman of the Board, the head of any agency assigned responsibilities as described in section 1(b) above, shall assign a representative to serve on the Board when the Board is dealing with subjects bearing directly upon the responsibilities of such head. Each such representative shall be an Under Secretary or corresponding official (except that an alternate may serve in accordance with the procedure set forth in section 2(b) hereof), and when so serving such representative shall have the same status on the Board as the members provided for in section 2(b) hereof.

(d) The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs may attend any meeting of the Board. The

Director of the United States Information Agency shall advise the Board at its request.

Section 3. Wherever the President has assigned to more than one agency responsibility for the execution of a national security policy which has been the subject of consideration by the National Security Council the Board, unless the President shall otherwise direct, shall: (a) Assist in the coordinated execution of such policy, (b) assist in the coordinated development by the agencies concerned of detailed operational plans to carry out the approved policy, (c) facilitate the timely and coordinated carrying-out of such plans, (d) initiate proposals for changes in operational plans within the framework of national security policies in response to opportunity and changes in the situation, and (e) assist the responsible agencies to so execute each project or action that it will make its full contribution to the particular objective the United States is seeking to achieve in the world.

Section 4. There shall be under the Board an "Executive Officer," who shall be appointed by the President, and who shall receive such compensation as is authorized by law, but at no event at a rate in excess of \$16,000 per annum. The Executive Officer shall: (1) subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board, prepare the agenda for, and present material for discussion at, Board meetings, (2) appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, necessary employees of the Board,

and supervise the work of such employees, (3) maintain the flow of work to the Board, the standards of presentation, and the quality of the staff work, (4) prepare for the consideration of the Board reports on its activities to be made to the National Security Council, (5) maintain liaison with the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs in order to insure coordination of the work of the Board's staff with the activities of the staff of the National Security Council, and (6) perform such other duties within the scope of this order as the Board may from time to time direct.

Section 5. Consonant with law, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Foreign Operations Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency shall, as may be necessary for the purpose of effectuating this order, furnish assistance to the Board in accordance with section 214 of the Act of May 3, 1945, 59 Stat. 134 (31 U.S.C. 691).

Section 6. The Psychological Strategy Board shall be abolished not later than sixty days after the date of this order and its outstanding affairs shall be wound up by the Operations Coordinating Board.

Section 7. As used herein, the word "agency" may be construed to mean any instrumentality of the executive branch of the Government, including any executive department.